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Richardson sustains serious brain injury

Two school bus crashes land kids, drivers in hospital

COLLISION Four children were rushed to hospital yesterday morning, following two separate school bus crashes minutes apart.

The first crash occurred at the intersection of 97 Street and 132 Avenue at around 7:50 a.m. and involved a school bus with four special-needs children on board. No injuries were reported.

The second crash took place near 79 Street and 82 Avenue about five minutes later, involving a school bus and an SUV.

Four children, between the ages of eight and eleven, were taken to hospital with minor, soft-tissue injuries.

Both drivers were taken to hospital with minor injuries.

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Riding the Recession

Looking for ways to save money and ride out the economic storm? Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

• Entertainment The effect the economy is having on music venues and touring artists, pg 16

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Style

From goals

...to gowns



Homelessness cash won't be spent in one shot: Stelmach

HOUSING Alberta will move ahead with its lofty \$3.3-billion homelessness strategy, but it warned housing agencies not to expect all of the cash for needed projects over the next fiscal year.

Premier Ed Stelmach says the 10-year plan to end homelessness in the province is a priority of the government's since the issue is costing millions to "taxpayers."

"You'll find the budget will reflect the priorities that we've established," said Stelmach to reporters yesterday. "We're going to continue to invest in those priorities."

The province's plan will include 8,000 new housing units across the province that will hover around \$1.3 billion, while operating costs for the units will cost \$2.1 billion over the next 10 years.

Stelmach said the plan is a priority, but wouldn't say how much would be committed when the budget is tabled April 7.

"This is our number 1 priority," said Stelmach. "...There is an immense cost to the taxpayer."

The plan also calls for a provincewide Internet system that tracks information about homeless people and less red tape for those individuals who are trying to access government programs.

JEFF CUMMINGS/METRO

Dog owner convicted

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When police freed Dreyfus from the sweltering heat of a locked vehicle, the 15-year-old golden retriever lay helpless in a pool of his own urine, too exhausted to walk.

Yesterday, his owner was convicted of causing an animal distress for the June 2006 incident, which nearly took the dog's life.

"He was in bad shape — if he was left in longer, he could have suffered heat stroke and died," said Edmonton Humane Society spokeswoman Shawna Randolph.

As the mercury rises in the summer, so do complaints of animals trapped in hot cars. When Dreyfus was found on the 21-degree afternoon, a window had been left open a crack, and his owner had been gone for 2½ hours running

errands.

Frantic bystanders called police, who freed the debilitated animal. He was taken to the shelter, where he was treated, and released back to his owner after two days of recovery.

The conviction is bittersweet for officials, who say it will inspire animal protection officers to become more liberal with charges.

"This is a precedent-setting case," Randolph said. Since the original

charges were laid, the Humane Society hasn't filed any others for similar incidents. No pets have been found in a situation as dire and dangerous as Dreyfus'.

Officers respond to about 20 calls a month in the summer, from bystanders who find pets trapped inside vehicles.

Gregory McMeekin of Hay River, NWT, was fined \$1,500 for the crime. He could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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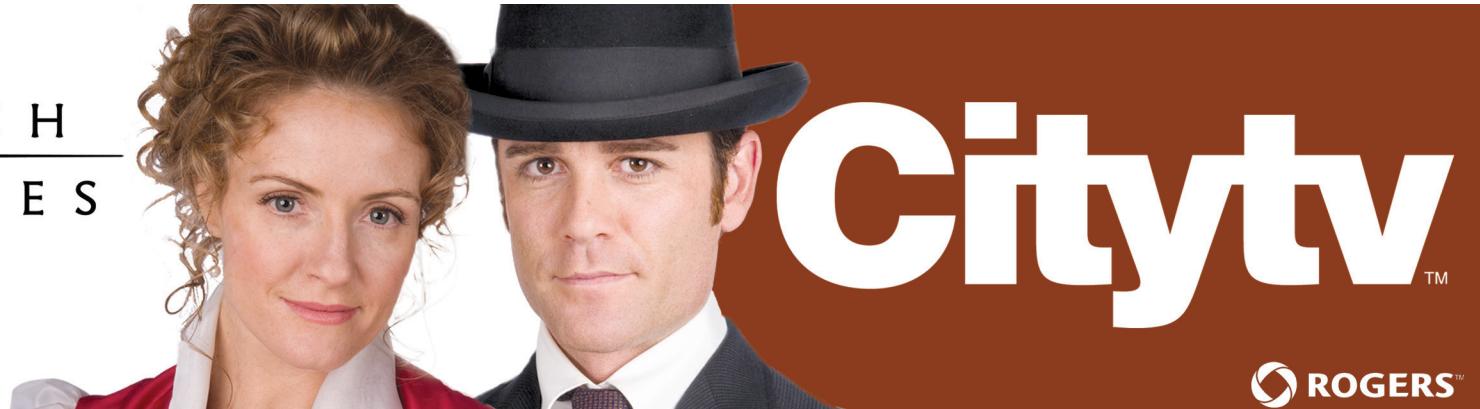
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Snow Valley extends season

Edmonton's most widely used outdoor winter recreation destination, Snow Valley, will remain open until April 3, with new hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A massive dump of snow late in the season has extended ski and snowboard conditions. Snow Valley will hold Greasy Rail Jam on Saturday, with prizes for the best skiers and boarders.

METRO EDMONTON



Eight years in jail for convicted carjacker

JUSTICE A man who jacked a car and shot the owner in the leg before Christmas was handed an eight-year prison term yesterday.

Lee James Lauman, 29, pleaded guilty to charges of robbery with a firearm.

He responded to an ad for a car for sale, and pulled a gun on the owner during a test drive.

The victim dove out of the moving vehicle just off Highway 60 near Devon and was shot in the leg.

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What's online today.

Video Cabinet ministers meet suspected Taliban militant during Afghanistan visit at metronews.ca/canada

Video Recovery mission ends after last victim of chopper crash is brought to St. John's at metronews.ca/canada

Video Protests get heated during George W. Bush's Calgary visit at metronews.ca/canada



Calgary divided over Bush

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Canada

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CANADA

Those lucky enough to be part of the elite 1,500 who purchased an invitation-only \$400 seat to hear George W. Bush's speech in Calgary yesterday thought the former president spoke honestly and from the heart.

While Bush kicked off his unofficial image rehabilitation tour inside the Telus Convention Centre, about 300 protesters gathered outside with signs and chants. Some tried to intimidate the speech-goers waiting in line by chanting, "You should be ashamed."

"It's just a small percentage of people who protest," said Wes Reinheller, who attended Bush's speech. "On the flip side, I see a lineup here that's half a mile long — and this is where it's at. I'm here in support of what he's done for the past eight years."

Police arrested four protesters at the event for various charges, including violations of a public behaviour bylaw and breaching the peace. In total, 79 po-



Protesters and supporters meet face-to-face yesterday in downtown Calgary as former U.S. president George W. Bush speaks at a \$400-a-plate luncheon at the Telus Convention Centre.

lice officers, RCMP and members of the Secret Service ensured Bush had a safe visit to Calgary, according to Duty Insp. Rob Williams.

Though the protest was rowdy, the impassioned crowd was generally peaceful.

"We are showing Bush he's not welcome in Cal-

gary. When I see this many wealthy Calgarians lined up to see Bush, it's disappointing," said protester Roberts Scobel.

The main topics Bush covered in his speech were the economy, Canada-U.S. relations and life after the presidency.

"I was really impressed," Peter Fuerbringer said after

hearing the speech. "I didn't know exactly what to expect — he is tremendously charismatic. He's able to laugh at himself, and he didn't pull any punches either. He spoke from the heart, and you really got a sense for the person he is. Love him, hate him, don't really care — it didn't matter."

CapitalCare workers need help: Officials

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JOB FAIR Health-care workers behind the scenes are burning the candle at both ends, officials say, and help is needed immediately.

"In hard times you just do the work," said CapitalCare spokeswoman Bernadette DeSantis. "We can compensate them and pay them overtime, but they're tired and are hanging on by their fingernails."

CapitalCare needs dozens of support workers for assisted-living facilities, nursing homes and hospitals.

"Our people wouldn't eat if it weren't for them ... (they) are vital."

When the economy was booming, support workers headed north for higher-paying jobs, leaving a gaping staff hole in their wake.

As layoffs spiral near big oil productions, officials hope workers will trickle back to Edmonton and fill positions within the health-care industry.

A career fair will be held today from 3 to 7 p.m. at CapitalCare Lynnwood (8740 - 165 St.).

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A public meeting to discuss rezoning the McCauley area will be held on March 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at McCauley School (9538 – 107 Ave.). METRO EDMONTON

Car crashes a top killer: Expert

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Traffic collisions in Canada claim the lives of people under the age of 35 more than any diagnosed disease — a reason why decision-makers must pay more attention to fix the problem, says an American traffic expert.

Deborah Girasek, an associate professor at the Uniformed Services University of Health and Sciences in Maryland, said deaths from collisions receive little attention and fewer resources compared to other public health problems.

"This is a big problem and you wouldn't think it with how our society is set

up," said Girasek before her address to dozens of traffic experts at Edmonton's International Conference on Urban Traffic Safety.

Girasek said government leaders often focus too much on further punishing "guilty" drivers in creating laws to prevent collisions and current awareness campaigns to remind

motorists about bad driving because it lacks "any scientific foundation."

"Most drivers think they are above-average drivers, and there's a lot of data to suggest that ... but the safety campaigns target bad drivers," said Girasek.

Girasek praised a few campaigns in Edmonton, including its fatality sign campaign.



Scene of a collision at 79 Street and 101 Avenue Tuesday morning in the Forrest Heights neighbourhood. Both police and EMS were on scene.

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Pocklington gives up his passport

CRIME Peter Pocklington, who is wearing an electronic ankle bracelet, has surrendered his passport to law officials under conditions of his bail, according to filings from U.S. District Court.

The former Edmonton Oilers owner has also been banned from airports, bus terminals and railway stations. The 67-year-old is accused of bankruptcy fraud and he was released on a \$1-million bail last week that was posted by former Oilers GM Glen Sather.

Former Mountie sues over trauma

MAYERTHORPE A former Mountie is suing the RCMP over trauma he suffered after four of his co-workers were fatally gunned down in a Quonset near Mayertorpe.

In a statement of claim, former constable Allen Starman witnessed the aftermath of the shooting and he suffered from nervous shock after the murder of the four officers.

The Mountie was discharged from the RCMP in 2007 over medical reasons.

Cpl. Jeff Whipple, who was also on scene when gunmen James Roszko killed the four Mounties, launched a similar lawsuit.

Liberals raise alarm over lottery grants

POLITICS Laurie Blakeman, a deputy leader with the Alberta Liberals, believes that documents she obtained through a FOIP request raises alarms over Tory MLAs using lottery grants like a slush fund.

"Cabinet members get to choose grant recipients, the amounts they receive, and they control the timing of grant announcements," said Blakeman.

Premier Ed Stelmach said in question period yesterday that the process of obtaining grants is fair as it's done independently thought ministry staff.

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Heritage minister criticizes CBC

Federal Heritage Minister James Moore used a Sunday television appearance in Quebec to criticize the amount of U.S. programming on the CBC. "I don't like it when I see the CBC cancelling Canadian content, and we see Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune," Moore said. **REUTERS**

Canada



Health claims hurting fish: Report

Claims about the human health benefits of eating more fish may be causing more environmental and social harm than good, according to a University of British Columbia study published yesterday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. The health claims appear to be overblown, and many of the studies make people ignore the pressure increased consumption puts on dwindling global fish stocks, researchers say. **REUTERS**

Crash kills three Canadians

Truck collides with tourist bus, police say truck driver was drunk

Three Canadians, seven Americans and a Mexican bus driver are dead after their bus was hit by a truck — whose driver police allege was drunk — in northern Mexico, officials said yesterday.

The bus was carrying 23 American and Canadian tourists when a cargo truck swerved into its lane Monday and slammed into it head on, said an official from the civil protection agency. The crash occurred about 50 kilometres from Saltillo in the state of Coahuila.

Seventeen more were injured, some of them in serious condition, the official said.

The three Canadians to perish in the crash are being identified as Robert

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Red Cross paramedics remove an injured person from the site of a Monday bus accident on the outskirts of Saltillo in the Mexican state of Coahuila.

Lacas, 56, of Quebec City; Carolyn Kowaleski, 68, of Caledonia, Ont.; and Marilyn Jackson, 67, of Van-

couver.

The bus, which had departed McAllen, Texas, was carrying tourists to

the colonial mining town of Zacatecas, located in central Mexico.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Chopper debate can wait: MacKay

PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Canada



HELICOPTER The time to re-evaluate helicopter use after the tragic accident off the coast of Newfoundland is later, said Defence Minister Peter MacKay yesterday in Halifax.

He said for now the government is focusing on mourning the 17 people who lost their lives.

"The short answer is no. At this point I don't believe there's anything that has

been discovered," MacKay said when asked if he would be making changes to helicopter personnel deliveries. "But look, clearly there is going to be an investigation."

"They have not yet recovered the wreckage of the Sikorsky aircraft, (but there will be an investigation into) not only the recovery, but ... what was the cause."

Of the 16 passengers and two crew personnel, only one person was found alive and he remains in critical but stable condition.

News in brief

FUNERAL Roughly 1,000 relatives, friends and community members filled a Toronto church yesterday morning to remember and mourn Marc Diab, who was the 112th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan since 2002.

JACKPOT? An Ontario man is suing the province's gaming corporation for \$42.9 million after he hit the jackpot on a slot machine but was denied his prize. The corporation says the slot machine was malfunctioning.

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Robert Kiyosaki will not attend this workshop.

French President Nicholas Sarkozy has caused an uproar with plans to collect statistics on ethnic origins to help minorities, an official within his government said. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

World

Condoms no solution for AIDS: Pope

Pope Benedict yesterday reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's opposition to the use of condoms in the fight against AIDS as he started a visit to Africa, where more than 25 million people have died from the disease in recent decades.

The Pope, who arrived to a tumultuous welcome in the capital of Cameroon, also said the continent's people were suffering disproportionately due to the global challenges of food shortages, financial crises and climate change.

"It (AIDS) cannot be overcome by the distribution of condoms. On the contrary, they increase the problem," he said in response to a question about the Church's widely contested position against the use of condoms.

His words were some of his most explicit on the use of condoms to stop the

In America...

- With a large poor and minority population, Washington D.C. has struggled with HIV for decades. A recent report showed the number of people with HIV infections rose 22 per cent from 2006 to 2007.

spread of AIDS since his election in 2005.

The Church teaches that fidelity within heterosexual marriage, chastity and abstinence are the best ways to stop AIDS. It does not approve condoms, but some Church leaders have been calling for allowing their use in rare cases between married heterosexual couples where one partner has the disease.

With the number of practising Catholics dwindling in the developed world, Africa is seen as vital to the Church's future.

REUTERS

Austria Grim charges



Defendant Josef Fritzl arrives for his trial in Sankt Poelten, Austria, yesterday. Fritzl, a 73-year-old Austrian who locked his daughter in a cellar for 24 years and fathered seven children with her, pleaded guilty to incest, but denied murdering a newborn son who died underground.

Russia to boost nuclear forces

MILITARY Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said yesterday that Russia would rearm its military and boost its nuclear forces despite the raging economic crisis because U.S.-led NATO is expanding toward its borders.

Moscow has sent con-

flicting signals to Washington since the election of Barack Obama as U.S. president.

The Kremlin says it wants to improve ties with the White House, but it has also taken steps to stem rising U.S. clout in ex-Soviet states.

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Province to have democracy back

PAKISTAN The Pakistani government will restore democracy quickly in its biggest and politically most important province as part of reconciliation efforts, Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani said yesterday.

Gilani announced on Monday that the government had agreed to reinstate a former chief justice dismissed in 2007.

REUTERS

News in brief

SRI LANKA Tamil Tiger separatists counterattacked with a failed suicide bombing in clashes that killed at least 14 rebels and more than 1,500 refugees fled Sri Lanka's war zone, the military said.

COMPENSATION The Internal Revenue Service issued new rules yesterday that would allow victims of Ponzi schemes like the one run by Bernard Madoff to recoup some money by claiming theft losses on tax returns for 2008.

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Meet Hesperonychus elizabethae, the smallest dinosaur ever to stalk the Jurassic jungles of North America.

Hesperonychus lived 75 million years ago, weighed about two kilograms and stood about 50 centime-

tres tall. He was the equivalent of a prehistoric chicken, complete with feathers.

Only much nastier.

Hesperonychus was a tiny, perfect relative of Velociraptor, the ferocious thug featured in the Jurassic Park movies, and came equipped with its cousin's sharp claws and teeth. You wouldn't want to run into a flock of these dino-mites.

Hesperonychus was discovered by Canadian Nick Longrich, a paleontologist at the University of Calgary, who did his fieldwork by rummaging around in a drawer.

Apparently the little dino's bones had been dug up in 1982, but no one took a close look at the little hip bone in question until 2007 when Longrich acted on a hunch.

Previous paleontologists had taken a pass, believing it to be from a juvenile of a known species, but Longrich noted discoveries of small dinos in Asia, and wondered why no one had found their North American relatives.

Like, um, a dog with a bone, he deduced that it represented a whole new species.

A very Canadian discov-

ery, this.

A four-pound prehistoric chicken discovered at the back of a drawer in a university lab.

What's so important about this fierce, but fortunately extinct little beast?

Well, it begins to paint a more complete picture of the Jurassic ecology; it tells us more about the ancestors of our feathered friends, and it reminds us that big things come in small packages.

Longrich himself sees an object lesson — Hesperonychus avoided detection, even if it was right under our noses all this

time, because of something he calls "collecting bias" — paleontologists are human too, so they spend most of their time looking for T-Rex and have a tendency to ignore such tiny treasures.

It takes a Canadian sensibility, I guess, to think small enough.

I hate to end this on a depressing note, but of course this discovery has prompted the people who learned their natural history studying the Flintstones, to state with conviction that Hesperonychus could not be 75 million years old, because as



any idiot knows God created the world only 6013 years ago, and it took him seven days to do it.

It's hard to believe that such stupidity and lucidity can co-exist at the same time in the same nation, but that's evolution for you.

I remain confident that natural selection will take care of the former, and advance the latter.

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Word on the street: What outdoor activity do you most look forward to once the weather warms up?

Paul Grossi

age 25, Toronto

A: Drinking sangrias on a patio at 11:30 a.m. and then going to work and pretending I didn't.



John Crouch

age 22, Toronto

A: Going to the pool at the Four Seasons, and go-karting at The Docks.



Brittney Williams

age 20, Calgary

A: I don't need the weather to warm up — I'm a hockey girl.



Natia Wong

age 18, Calgary

A: Soccer. I've always been into the sport.



Andrew Black

age 22, Halifax

A: I'm looking forward to hiking and camping again. I just don't like pavement.



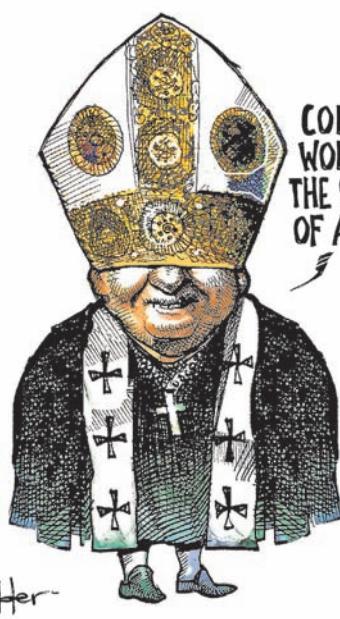
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In brief

WIRELESS Telus Corp. plans to spend \$500 million this year on building out telecom infrastructure in its home province of British Columbia, it said yesterday. Spending will focus mostly on advanced wireless and wireline broadband technology. **REUTERS**

U.S. Congress eyes bonus surtax

WASHINGTON Some members of Congress yesterday proposed slapping a surtax on bonuses paid to executives at American International Group Inc. amid outrage over the large payouts.

Michigan Democratic

Representative Gary Peters introduced a bill in the House to impose a 60 per cent surtax on bonuses over \$10,000 US at any company in which the U.S. government has at least a 79 per cent equity stake.

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Loans linked to looks?

Trustworthy appearance key to borrowing: Study

A credit score can tell a lender a lot about a prospective borrower, but so can the borrower's looks, a new study says.

People who are perceived to be trustworthy are more likely to have a higher credit score and pay lower interest rates on loans, and are less likely to default, according to the study by Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Even when hard facts such as credit scores are available, people rely on an assessment of trustworthiness to decide whether to make a loan.

Researchers studied members of Prosper.com, an online lending site where people looking for loans are matched up with individual lenders.

A team of 25 people was hired to rate the Pros-

per.com loan applicants' trustworthiness on a scale of one to five using only the photographs of the borrowers.

Those judged to be trustworthy by the team were more likely to get a loan from Prosper.com lenders and tended to have a credit score about 20 points higher than those determined to be untrustworthy, the researchers found. **REUTERS**

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IMF sees contraction

Global economy predicted to shrink 0.6% in '09

The International Monetary Fund expects the global economy to contract 0.6 per cent this year, according to forecasts provided yesterday by an IMF official at a conference in Lisbon.

Teresa Ter-Minassian, an adviser to IMF managing

director Dominique Strauss-Kahn, told reporters the figure was likely to be released shortly by the IMF. It compares with the IMF's last official forecast for the global economy, released in January, which pointed to global growth of 0.5 per cent.

The U.S. economy is seen shrinking 2.6 per cent this year, compared with a January forecast of a 1.6 per cent contraction.

The euro zone economy is expected to contract 3.2 per cent and Japan's by five per cent, she said.

REUTERS

Dell unveils world's thinnest laptop

TECHNOLOGY Dell Inc. unveiled its "luxury" Adamo laptop yesterday, calling it the world's thinnest notebook as it seeks to compete in the high-end ultra-portable market defined by Apple Inc.'s MacBook Air.

The sleek, aluminum-encased notebook is 0.65-inches thick and comes with a 13.4-inch screen and a 128-gigabyte solid-state drive.

Starting at \$1,999 US, the Adamo is positioned as Dell's new high-end brand. Another configuration will sell for \$2,699.

REUTERS

Business in brief

CONSTRUCTION Caterpillar Inc., the world's largest maker of construction and mining equipment, notified an additional 2,454 workers in the U.S. yesterday that they were

losing their jobs. **PHARMA** Pfizer Inc., the world's largest drugmaker, launched a \$13.5-billion US debt sale in five parts yesterday, said IFR. **REUTERS**

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Sports

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Oilers end skid with win over Blues

NHL RESULT

Blues 1 Oilers 2 (SO)



THE SKINNY: The Oilers snapped a three-game losing streak and completed a sweep of the Blues in the four-game season series as Dwayne Roloson stopped three shots in the shootout and Ales Kotalik scored the only goal. The win and the extra point moves the Oilers two points up on the Blues.

THE QUOTE: "I'm healthy. I'm getting time off," said Roloson, discounting the significance of making 25 straight starts. "Like I tell the young guys, 'Realize we're liv-

ing a dream here.' There's not too many people who can say they go to work every day loving what they do."

THE BIG PLAY: Kotalik, pointless in five games since being acquired at the trade deadline, tucked a backhand top shelf past Chris Mason in the shootout to decide it.

20 FOR SOURAY: Sheldon Souray hit the 20-goal mark for the second time in his career when he opened the scoring on a power play, sifting a slapshot past Mason 10:29 into the game. Souray has 10 power-play goals.

IRON MEN: David Backes, who scored the 1-1 goal for the Blues on a power play, rattled a shot off the post behind Roloson in the second period. Andy

McDonald did likewise in the first period.

A NEW YEAR: After a 14-20-3 start in October, November and December, the Blues have surged into contention in 2009. They faced the Oilers with a record of 18-9-5 since Jan. 1.

SMID BACK IN: Ladislav Smid, out of action against Colorado with a stiff neck, returned to the blue line, bumping rookie Theo Peckham back into the press box. Smid was paired with Jason Strudwick.

THE NEXT GAME: The Oilers face the Avalanche at the Pepsi Center in Denver Thursday.

ROBIN BROWNLEE
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Brodeur passes Roy

Martin Brodeur, left, is now the NHL's all-time winningest netminder. Brodeur made 30 saves last night to help the New Jersey Devils defeat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2. The 36-year-old Brodeur notched the 552nd win of his illustrious career to surpass Patrick Roy for the most victories in league history.

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Edmonton Oilers goaltender Dwayne Roloson makes a save while the St. Louis Blues' Brad Winchester drives Oiler Ladislav Smid into the net during in Edmonton last night.

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OLYMPICS Squash should be accepted into the 2016 Olympic program because the sport is economical to host, the president of squash's world governing body said. The International Olympic Committee may introduce two new sports for the 2016 Games. **REUTERS**

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Metro Drive

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World Car finalists

Ford Fiesta, Toyota iQ, and Volkswagen Golf VI have been named the finalists for the 2009 World Car Award. The top three entries for the World Car Design of the Year were Citroën C5 Sedan/C5 Tourer, Fiat 500, and Jaguar XF. The winners will be named at the New York International Auto Show April 9.

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Heading out on hybrid highway

Honda Insight Hybrid takes the next giant step in environmentally-friendly vehicles

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

The 2010 Honda Insight Hybrid.

Honda has passed the next great milestone on the road to a greener future with the 2010 Insight Hybrid.

Smaller than a Honda Civic, the Insight five-door hatchback seats five adults, has a flat cargo floor with the back seat folded and can travel up to 640 kilometre on one 40-litre tank of gas.

The Insight doesn't go on sale until Earth Day (April 22) and pricing has yet to be announced, but it will be "competitive" with its main rival, the Toyota Prius.

The heart of the Insight is its fifth generation IMA (Integrated Motor Assist) system that first bowed on the original two-seat Honda Insight a decade ago.

IMA uses energy stored in a battery pack to provide extra power to the engine when needed. What is different is the new IMA allows the Insight to run on pure battery power under

cer-tain low load con-dic-tions.

A 1.3-litre, four-cylinder gasoline engine and a 10-kilowatt electric motor are the power source of the IMA system. Combined, they produce 98 hp and 123 lb/ft of torque. An ultra-thin brushless DC motor is located between the engine and the CVT transmission. Dur-

2010 Honda Insight

Type: Compact hybrid hatchback
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Drive method: front-engine, front-wheel drive
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ing acceleration, the motor adds power. Under braking or gentle deceleration, it acts as a generator capturing kinetic energy to recharge the battery.

When you come to a stop,

the engine turns off and the Insight runs on the battery. When you move off, the engine comes back on. Honda calls this Idle Stop.

The layout of the instrument panel is like the Civic with an upper tier for the digital speed readout and a lower tier for the tachometer and fuel level. But on the upper level, the speed (shown in numerals) is backed by a colour band that is coloured blue when fuel is being used aggressively. It turns blue-green when the driving style is moderate and then green when fuel is being consumed efficiently. So, at a glance you can tell if you are being good or bad to the

environment.

There will be two trim levels in Canada starting with the LX that features climate control, power locks/windows/doors, remote entry, cruise control and more. The EX adds stability control, alloy wheels, steering wheel mounted paddle shifters, Honda's navigation system with bilingual voice recognition and Bluetooth connectivity.

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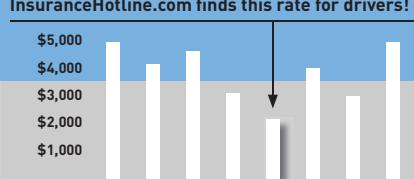
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Fun with potholes

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It was a dark and stormy night. It was raining so hard everyone had to have their wipers on at top speed — even the pedestrians.

It was already hard to spot the potholes, but now that they were full of water, you couldn't tell what was just a puddle and what was a crater. Up ahead were two lurking potholes. To stay in my lane, I had to drive through at least one. I know I was going to pick the wrong one, just like I always pick the wrong line at McDonald's.

So I drive into this pothole and emerge about 11 minutes later.

OK, slight exaggeration, but it was big. Big enough that when the left front

wheel dropped into it, and the suspension bottomed out with a big THUD, I yelled out some deity's name in vain.

Apparently, this was not the only pothole in the city of Toronto. Myles Currie, the city's director of transportation services, told me that in 2008 the city fixed 277,000 potholes. So far this year, it has already fixed about 75,000, almost 100 per cent more than for the same three-month period in 2008.

Currie "filled me in," pun intended, on some pothole fun facts.

The main contributor to how many potholes are created is the number of freeze-thaw cycles we get. When it's above freezing, melting snow and ice creeps into cracks to get below the road. Then when things freeze shortly after, the below-the-road water becomes

"The main contributor to how many potholes are created is the number of freeze-thaw cycles we get."

to the beginning of May (a.k.a. pothole spawning season).

But this winter Toronto has been in juicy freeze-thaw mode since mid-December.

Because the city knew a bumper crop was coming, it increased the number of crews on daily pothole repair duty to 30 or 40 from last year's norm of about 15. A crew is made up of two or three workers.

The repair process is not complex.

"We do our best to sweep out any debris from the hole, then fill it in with hot asphalt, tamp it, then move on to the next one," Currie said. Forty crews can usually fix about 2,500 potholes a day, which works out to about \$25 per repair.

So far, the city has already spent about \$1 million to repair those 75,000 holes in 2009, and figures it spent \$6.9 million to attend to those 277,000 holes that showed up in 2008.

If holes get really big, workers have to square it off, fill it in, and roll it.

"That's why we really want to hear from the public," Currie said. "Because our obvious preference is to get to these potholes when they're smaller."

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Museum exhibits Old Masters looted by Nazis

NEW YORK CITY Nearly 50 paintings by the Dutch Old Masters seized by the Nazis during the Second World War will be on display at the Jewish Museum in New York until Aug. 2.

The paintings once belonged to Jacques Goud-

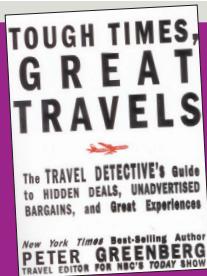
stikker, a Jewish art dealer in Amsterdam who died in 1940 fleeing the Nazi invasion of Holland. The exhibit marks the first time since the war they have been displayed as his collection.

Following Goudstikker's

death, 800 paintings in his collection were appropriated by Adolf Hitler's second-in-command, Hermann Goering, some for his private collection as well as some that he gave to Hitler, according to the Jewish Museum.

REUTERS

The cheap seats
Increasing numbers of business travellers are foregoing executive-class seats and flying economy, especially in Europe, the International Air Transport Association said yesterday. REUTERS



Armchair travel

If you think a vacation is out of reach this year, sit down and have a look at *Tough Times, Great Travels* (Rodale, \$10.95) by Peter Greenberg. The author, who is the travel editor of NBC's Today Show, is confident that if you know the ins and outs of scoring travel deals, you'll be able to hit the beach even in the leanest of times. METRO NEWS SERVICES



An artist's rendition of Recovery Lounge, a highlight of Hilton Hotel's new Denizen luxury brand.

Luxury hotel launched

Hilton Hotels launched its new luxury hotel brand Denizen yesterday, catering to "globally conscious modern travellers of the world."

The long-awaited announcement comes as luxu-

ry hotels and resorts have fallen out of favour during the deepening recession, as businesses look to cut back on extras and corporate travel planners shy away from frivolous spending.

"While we continue to operate in a challenging macro economic environment, the addition of Denizen Hotels demonstrates our commitment to continuing to invest in our long-term growth," Christopher Nassetta, Hilton's president and chief executive, said in a statement.

Hilton said the new brand "will be highlighted by exceptional design and service at an accessible price point," rounding out the company's Luxury & Lifestyle portfolio, including the Waldorf Astoria, the Waldorf Astoria Collection and Conrad Hotels & Resorts.

The company said Denizen developments are planned in cosmopolitan, urban cities as well as resort destinations. Hilton said active negotiations are underway for developing projects in Abu Dhabi, Beverly Hills, Ca., Buenos Aires, Istanbul, Jerusalem, London, Mumbai and New York. METRO

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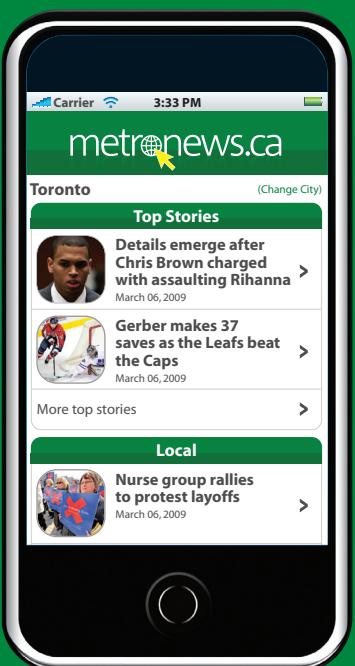


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The recession goes on tour

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

"We're seeing plenty of reaction to the economy in terms of pricing." Ray Waddell, Billboard Magazine

When U2 put out an announcement about their North American tour recently, there was one detail in the press release that stood out: **\$30 tickets.**

It's a move, the band's manager Paul McGuinness said, that was designed to "ensure that U2 fans can purchase a great priced ticket with a guaranteed great view."

While that's a welcomed gesture from thousands of followers who are struggling to make ends meet during this recession, it could have also be a way to make sure the band's tour will be a sold out event.

It's likely U2 would have sold plenty of tickets anyway, and many seats are either \$55 or \$85, but they're not the only act that seems nervous about touring during this major economic downturn.

"We're seeing plenty of reaction to the economy in terms of pricing, from layaway plans at the festivals to packaging of artists, to multi-tiered pricing," says Billboard Magazine's Ray Waddell.

So far, however, touring hasn't suffered. Waddell says this year looks "very solid" so far, as huge acts like Billy Joel, Taylor Swift and Nickelback are hitting the road. But, Waddell cautions, "There will be

some impact at some point from unemployment and fear."

While mainstream musicians such as Britney Spears might still bring in the big bucks, it's mid-range groups and even indie bands that could suffer.

Michael Hershfied, CEO of Toronto-based peer-to-peer ticket brokerage LiveStub, says more and more independent acts tour these days and that has saturated the market. "Because of that," he says, "when consumers' wallets are tight they're not going to go out as many nights as they used to. So indie bands are feeling it."

"I haven't noticed anything yet," says Steven Himmelfarb, a Toronto booker who represents smaller acts like Tokyo Police Club. "All the cheaper ticket shows — \$10 to \$20 — I have not noticed any difference."

"Festivals are the most nervous," says Himmelfarb. "They've been cutting back, but because they're trying to build a brand, it's hard for them to take a year off and just duck the recession."

Clearly, many bands will feel some financial frustration this year, but if an act is really good they should have nothing to worry about. "When a band is hot, a band is hot," says Himmelfarb. "And acts with a lot of buzz always do the best on the road."

Riding the Recession

There is a looming fear that might change instantly though."

If touring acts aren't feeling the recession yet, some venues are. In Halifax the legendary Marquee Club — the place where Sloan got their start — closed down in January. "It has been vastly unprofitable," owner Victor Syperek told CBC News late last year.

Waddell thinks more venues could shutter their doors too. He points to Toad's Place, a famous venue in Virginia, as a sign that some clubs just can't beat the recession.

"There is no substitute for 'brand equity,' but love and history can't keep the doors open," he explains.

Clubs might be at risk, but it's the summer festival that could suffer the most. There's a real chance that big name concerts like Chicago's Lollapalooza or the Warped Tour could see sponsorship pulled as more companies cut back on marketing, and ticket prices aren't cheap.

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Tickets for U2's upcoming tour are selling for as little as \$30.

Daly a new daddy

Carson Daly is a new dad, Usmagazine.com has confirmed. The Last Call with Carson Daly host, 35, and girlfriend Siri Pinter welcomed a baby boy named Jackson James Daly on Sunday. **USMAGAZINE.COM**



Next Great PM crowned

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada



The competition to be named Canada's Next Great Prime Minister has come down to the final four.

Alex Trebek will host a panel of former prime ministers Kim Campbell, Joe Clark, Paul Martin and Brian Mulroney on CBC TV tonight.

Along with the studio audience, they will decide who is named winner: Calgary's Amy Robichaud, Toronto's David Suk, Montreal's Gabriel Bran Lopez or Robert Marsh of Dartmouth, N.S. The four survived a political boot camp of media scrums, debates and mock Canada-U.S. conflicts to earn a spot in the final.

"Boot camp was an amazing experience," said Robichaud, who's in her fourth year studying political science and public administration at the University of Ottawa. "Brian Mulroney is a huge person — physically and intellectually. (The four) just exude leadership. It was intimidating, but also inspiring."

On TV

• Canada's Next Great Prime Minister airs tonight on CBC TV. Check local listings for times.

Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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Outspoken fashionista silenced

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada



One draped skirt too many got Vancouver designer Genevieve Graham sent home from Project Runway Canada last night.

Designers had to create a dress for top Canadian model Coco Rocha to wear to a red carpet event during New York fashion week.

The judges thought Graham's silky, gold and crème coloured dress was

too demure and "safe" for a model of Rocha's stature to wear. While host Iman praised Graham as a Genevieve strong designer, she

also said the judges were tired of seeing the same draped-skirt designs from her, challenge after challenge, sending her home.

Graham, 31, believes the judges didn't necessarily



understand her ideas and she feels proud to have stayed true to her own design vision on the show.

"The judges didn't get my style at all but I wasn't going to change what I do. I wasn't willing to compromise my work," she said.

Graham sparred verbally with judges in several episodes, often dismissing their criticisms outright, and her defensive attitude ultimately didn't endear her to them in the long run, something she's fine with.

"Fashion has a lot of personal preference — that's why I chose to take what the judges said with a grain of salt. I think they definitely have their aesthetic favourites," Graham said.

With her barbed, camera-ready denunciations of other designers' dresses and cocky attitude to her own designs, Graham didn't shy away from speaking her mind on the show. While Graham insists she's not the ice queen some people have made her out

to be, she makes no apologies for sticking to her guns.

"I wish they had

shown me smiling and laughing more because I do have a really soft side. But at the end of the day, I am really confident in my work. You have to be confident in this industry or you can't survive — it's really cutthroat," Graham said.

critics' corner

Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag

An apple a day keeps the doctor away, but a clove of garlic a day keeps everyone away. Just kidding; garlic is good for you, and there are ways to avoid the lethal breath. In this new episode, Anna and Kristina test-drive a cookbook in which every recipe contains garlic. They also compare modern mincing tools to that old kitchen standby, a good chef's knife. 9 PM on W



Canada's Next Great Prime Minister

It's all about the best and the brightest — and, let's hope, the different — in this now-annual special, hosted for the first time by Alex Trebek ("Jeopardy!"). Young men and women use their intelligence to compete for an internship, sharing their ideas for improving the country with four former prime ministers: Kim Campbell, Paul Martin, Brian Mulroney and Joe Clark. The audience picks the winner. 8 PM on CBXT



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Taylor Swift has no problems talking about dating — and boys — but don't ask her about sex. "I think when you talk about virginity and sex publicly, people just automatically picture you naked," the 19-year-old singer tells Allure for its April issue. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Winehouse pleads not guilty

PEOPLE Amy Winehouse cracked her knuckles, adjusted her beehive — and to the delight of the 20 reporters in a London courtroom — spoke clearly from behind a clear plastic shield on the stand Tuesday morning, people.com reports.

Uttering only a few lines during a 15-minute hearing in the City of Westminster Magistrates Court, Winehouse proudly proclaimed her name as Amy Jade Civil — her married name. And, leaning forward to speak through a gap in the plastic, she pleaded "not guilty" when a charge of common assault against Sherene Flash was put to her.

The assault is alleged to have happened in September 2008 in Berkeley Square, London, at a high society ball.

Winehouse, 25, was dressed in a summery floral print, low-cut dress, which revealed her many tattoos and her bra strap, and four-inch pink stilettos. Asked at one point, as she fidgeted with her hair, if she was okay, she turned a security guard and said, "Me? I'm alright."

Watching the proceedings from a few feet away was her father Mitch and a minder, who had driven her down to the court from her new home in Barnet, north London. District judge and chief magistrate Timothy Workman set a trial date of July 23 and Winehouse was remanded on bail.

Leaving the hearing, the singer strutted and posed for the gathered photographers before being whisked away.

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Goldstein suing jet company for damages

LEGAL DJ AM, Adam Goldstein, has taken a leaf out of mate Travis Barker's book in suing the company who owned the Learjet which almost became his fiery coffin last year, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The two friends were travelling back to Los Angeles from South Carolina when the jet failed to clear a runway, crashed and burst into flames.

Although the pair survived the crash,

their four friends weren't so lucky, and now the music men are determined to put things right in their memory, and gain some compensation for the third degree burns they both suffered.

In new legal papers, obtained by TMZ, Goldstein is calling for \$10 million US in damages for medical bills, lost earnings and profits and other economic damages. He wants another \$10 million US for mental and physical pain and suffering.

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Surgery before Jackson show?

IMAGE Before Michael Jackson takes the stage this summer for his farewell shows at London's O2 Arena, he's allegedly making a stop at the doctor's office.

"Michael has consulted some of the world's best cosmetologists and surgeons in preparation for this comeback," writer Ian Halperin tells the Sun. Jackson's reps deny the claims, but then again they also say the only work he's ever had done is one nose job to help him breathe.

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Mayer Twitters about Jen

PEOPLE As he copes with another split from Jennifer Aniston, John Mayer has turned to Twitter to express his thoughts, usmagazine.com reports.

"This heart didn't come with instructions," he posted on Monday. Mayer's heart has been all over the place during his time with Aniston, 40: They broke up two times in 13 months.

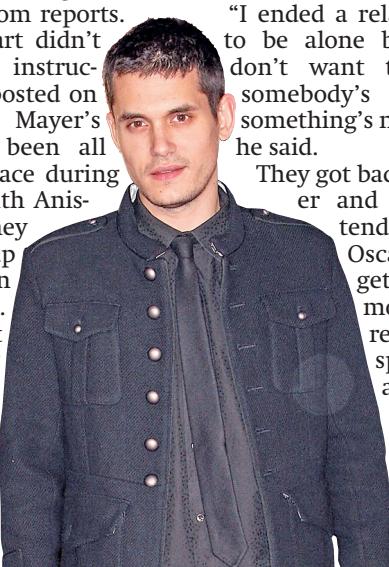
In August 2008, they first called it quits. At the time Mayer blabbed

about the split to paparazzi outside his NYC gym, stressing that he was the one who broke things off.

"I ended a relationship to be alone because I don't want to waste somebody's time if something's not right," he said.

They got back together and even attended the Oscars together last month, and recently split again.

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Competition still on, says Tyra

CAREER After an New York City casting call for America's Next Top Model turned ugly Saturday as hundreds of hopefuls were caught in a stampede resulting in three arrests and six injuries, the show's host and executive producer Tyra Banks tells aspiring models that they will still have a chance to compete, usmagazine.com reports.

"We are doing everything we can to make sure that all the girls who weren't seen, get an opportunity to audition," Banks said in a statement Monday.

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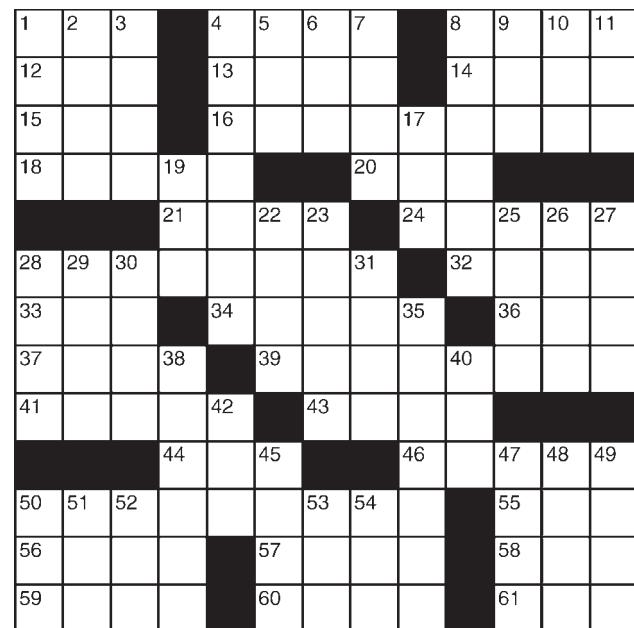
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WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.



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 12 Omega preceder 41 Minion of Satan
 13 Incite 43 Approach
 14 Shrek, for one 44 Existed
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 16 Classic Cadillac 50 Tinseltown
 18 "Unleaded" brew 55 Water (Fr.)
 20 Family 56 Ontario neighbor
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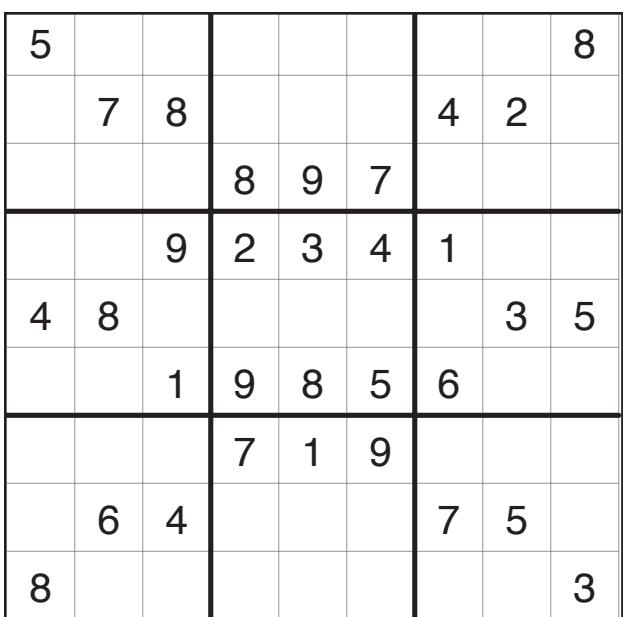
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 6 Time of your treat 48 Facility
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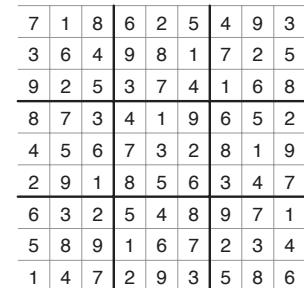
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MARCH 21-APRIL 20



A good-looking guy has to pay the piper. Your social choices are affected by work. A revelation is made during a reconciliation.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Commitments are made and surprises arise. A friend makes a stand about emotional obstacles. Your situation becomes an inspiration.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Somebody's desires are aroused by a chance remark. Don't reach for a secret too soon. Try not to wear out your welcome.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Be sure you know what you're doing. A friend finds the time to see the truth. A car is nearly involved in an accident.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Don't let your dreams be threatened by the light of reality. You're aware of someone's uneasiness. Understand the spaces between friends.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Someone finds something painful. Don't look down on a last chance meeting. A rough guy is bothering a bad-tempered person.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



You'll clash with an idiot. Prepare to be the life of the party. A passionate person will calmly break someone's heart.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



A man comes to you with his problems. Don't intimidate those who seek peace. An ailing friend says something stupid.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



Someone celebrates getting a generous reward. You could fall into a world of love. There'll be no time left for jagged nerves.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



A cheater's anxiety attack makes you suspicious. A grouchy friend claims to have a great deal. A humble person is giddy with delight.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Some hills are too steep to climb. Say something before you leave. A problematical person forces unwanted changes.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



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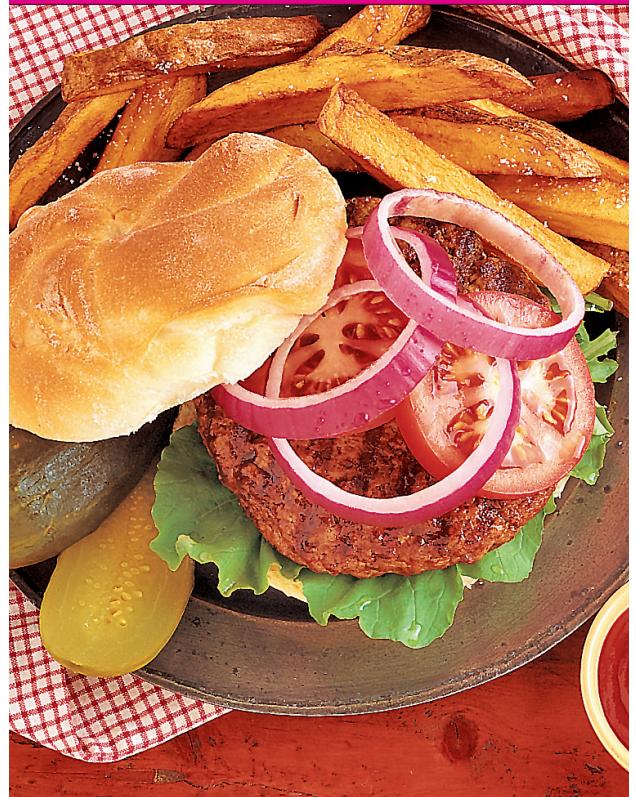
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1/4 tsp (6 ml) black pepper

1/4 cup (50 ml) crumbled blue cheese

4 hamburger buns

Romaine lettuce leaves

1 firm-ripe tomato, sliced

1 small red onion, sliced

blended. Divide into 8 equal pieces and flatten into thin patties.

2. Place 1 tbsp (15 mL) of crumbled cheese in the centre of each of 4 patties.

3. Top with remaining patties and pinch edges to seal.

4. Broil 4 inches from the heat until well done — 4 to 6 minutes per side.

Serve burgers on buns with lettuce, tomato and red onion.

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